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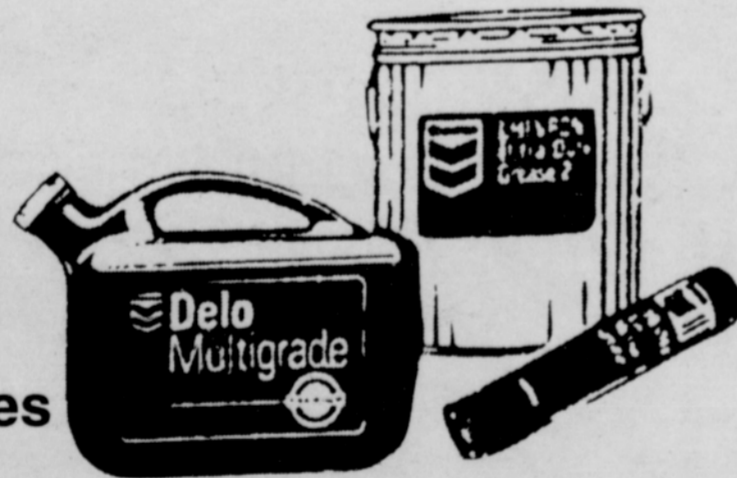


The Vernonia cardlock will be shut down during changeover to the new facility, probably Aug. 5-6. In order to avoid disruption of service to our customers, as much as possible, we will provide a diesel fueling truck at the cardlock on those days, with hours of service to be announced.

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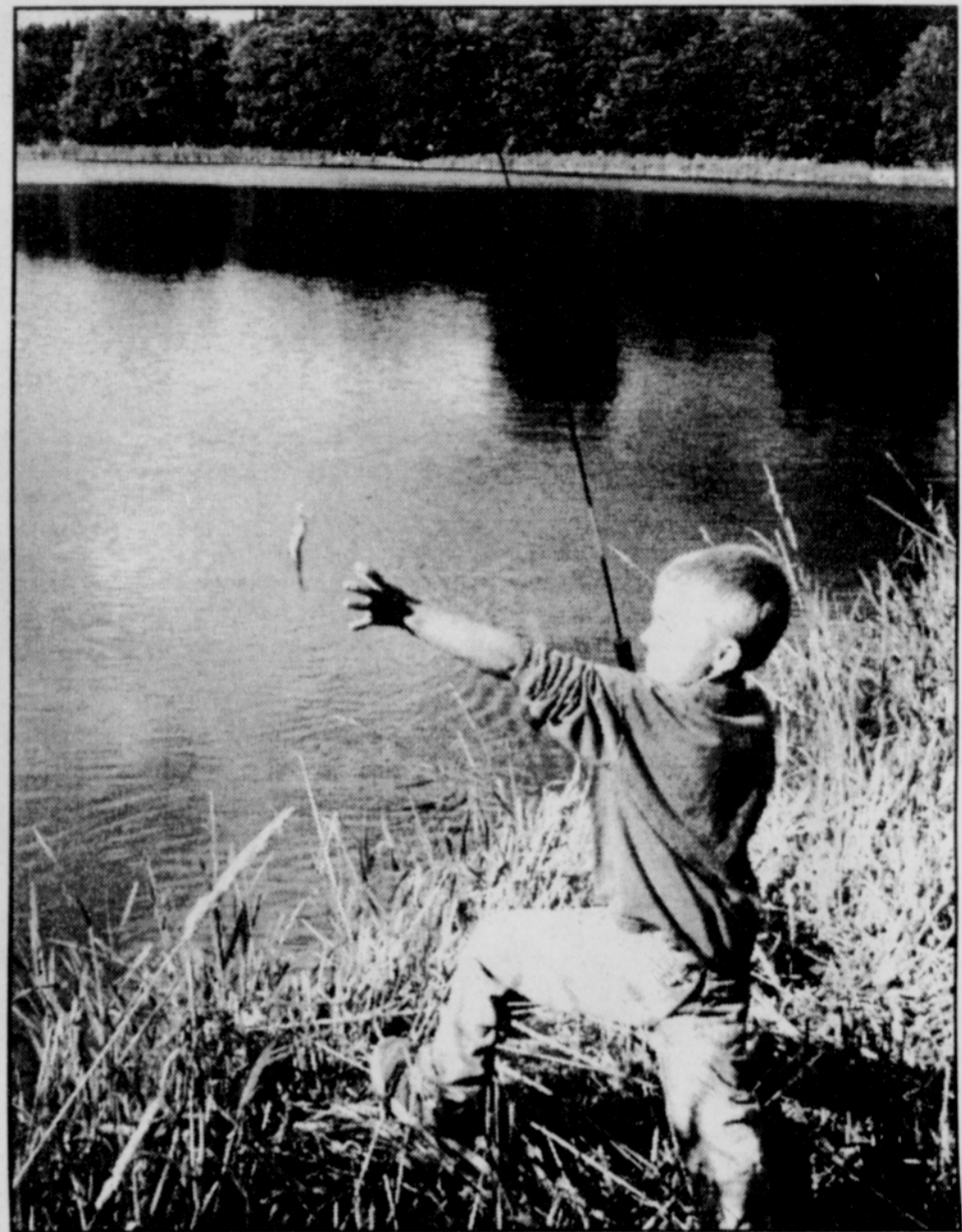
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Fishing Derby has them hooked!



It may not be big, but he baited his own hook, cast his line and caught a fish that was counted in last year's fishing derby.

The Izaak Walton League Kid's Fishing Derby kicks off the Jamboree weekend, Friday night, August 2, at Vernonia Lake. This event has been a favorite of participants and spectators. Registration is at 4:00 p.m. The competition begins at 5:00 p.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m.

Children compete in a number of categories, including the most fish, or the largest fish. There will be six winners in each of the following age groups: children five years and under, six through nine years, and 10-14. In addition to the six winners in each age group, there will be a prize for having the longest fish.

Crappie, blue gill and perch are the only fish eligible for this competition. Participants are expected to supply their own bait and tackle.

Children five years and under may be assisted by an adult in baiting their hooks and/or removing fish from the hooks, but the children must catch their own fish.

The participants of the Fishing Derby aren't the only ones who have a good time, though. Spectators are also entertained as the excited children watch their catches being

measured and counted.

There are many prizes for winners in the competition, including sleeping bags, fishing poles or other gear, and trophies for the winners, but no child will leave empty-handed. Participants will each get a popsicle.

The Jamboree Fishing Derby is sponsored by the Nehalem Valley Chapter of the Izaak Walton League and is co-sponsored by The *INDEPENDENT*, Dennis Electric, Inc. and Vernonia Hardware.

For more information, visit blade_twister@vernonia.com

Softball players ready for 28th year of tourney

Men's and women's softball teams will meet in Vernonia for the 28th annual Friendship Jamboree Softball Tournament.

The 16 teams will begin play on Friday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m. and continue through Sunday evening. The games will be played on ball fields at Vernonia High School and Spencer Field.

For more information, call Colleen Palmer at 503-397-4151.